

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): An aircraft brake heat pack ~~comprising~~ a brake disc in the form of a composite article comprising a core layer having a face portion and a wear layer attached to the face portion, wherein the wear layer has a density lower than the core layer.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The aircraft brake heat pack as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the density of the core layer is in excess of 1.85 gcm^{-3} .

Claim 3 (previously presented): The aircraft brake heat pack as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the wear layer is formed from a C-C composite.

Claim 4 (previously presented): The aircraft brake heat pack as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the core layer is a C-C composite article impregnated with a refractory carbide.

Claim 5 (previously presented): The aircraft brake heat pack as claimed in Claim 4, wherein the refractory carbide is silicon carbide or boron carbide.

Claim 6 (previously presented): An aircraft brake heat pack comprising a brake disc in the form of a composite article comprising a core layer formed from C-C composite impregnated with a refractory carbide, the core layer having a face portion to which is attached a C-C wear layer.

Claim 7 (previously presented): The aircraft brake heat pack as claimed in Claim 6, wherein the refractory carbide is silicon carbide or boron carbide.

Claim 8 (previously presented): The aircraft brake heat pack as claimed in Claim 6, wherein the density of the core layer is in excess of 1.85 gcm^{-3} .

Claim 9 (previously presented): The aircraft brake heat pack as claimed in Claim 8, wherein the density of the core layer is in the range of greater than 1.85 gcm^{-3} to 2.95 gcm^{-3} .

Claim 10 (withdrawn): A method of forming a composite article for use in an aircraft brake heat pack, the method comprising forming a core layer from a relatively higher-density material, the core layer having a face portion, and forming a wear layer from a relatively lower-density material and attaching the wear layer to the face portion of the core layer.

Claim 11 (withdrawn): A method of forming a composite article for use in an aircraft brake heat pack, the method comprising forming a C-C core layer with a face portion, densifying

the core layer by liquid impregnation; forming a C-C wear layer and attaching the wear layer to the face portion of the densified core layer.

Claim 12 (withdrawn): A method as claimed in Claim 11, comprising densifying the core layer by liquid impregnation with silicon and/or boron.

Claim 13 (withdrawn): A method as claimed in Claim 12, further comprising converting the silicon and/or boron to the respective refractory carbide by reaction with the C-C matrix.

Claim 14 (withdrawn): A method as claimed in Claim 11, further comprising forming the wear layer from carbon fibres which extend radially from an inner periphery of the wear layer toward or to an outer periphery thereof.

Claim 15 (original) An aircraft wheel and brake assembly comprising brake discs, one or more of the brake discs having a core layer of density greater than 1.85 gcm^{-3} and at least one wear layer attached to the core of density 1.85 gcm^{-3} or lower.